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SUBJECT: MOBUTU ANNOUNCES NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES

1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S  
NOV. 30 MAJOR ECONOMIC SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE  
COUNCIL. SPEECH TO MASS RALLY LATER IN THE DAY WILL BE  
REPORTED SEPARATELY. THIS A PRELIMINARY SUMMARY BASED  
ON EMBASSY MONITORING OF LIVE BROADCAST. IT IS  
SUBJECT TO REVISION WHEN WRITTEN VERSION AVAILABLE  
(PROBABLY DECEMBER 1).

A. IN MINING, ANY CONCESSION GIVEN TO AN INVESTOR  
MUST INVOLVE 50 PERCENT EQUITY PARTICIPATION FOR GOZ. IT NOT  
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ENTIRELY CLEAR WHETHER THIS APPLIES ONLY TO FUTURE CON-

CESSIONS OR ALSO APPLIES TO CONCESSIONS SUCH AS SMTF,  
GULF.

B. ZAIRIANIZATION OF ENTERPRISES IS TO BE PUSHED.  
IN 1975, ALL COMPANIES WHICH WILL HAVE BEEN IN ZAIRE FOR  
5 YEARS MUST HAVE ZAIRIANS IN TOP MANAGEMENT. NEW  
COMMISSION MADE UP OF UNTZA (TRADE UNION), ANEZA, (EMP.  
FED.), DEPTS. OF LABOR AND NATIONAL ECONOMY AND  
PRESIDENCY REPLACES NATIONAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AS BODY  
TO DECIDE ON EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGNERS IN ENTERPRISES.

C. FROM TODAY, PLANTATIONS, RANCHES, FARMS, QUARRIES  
WILL BE EXPLOITED (OWNED) BY ZAIRIANS. THOSE DEVELOPED  
WITH FUNDS FROM "CREDIT COLONAT" BELONG AUTOMATICALLY  
TO ZAIRIANS, OTHERS DEVELOPED BY FOREIGN PERSONS OR  
ORGANIZATIONS WILL RECEIVE FAIR INDEMNITY WITHIN 6  
YEARS. ABANDONED HOUSES AND PLANTATIONS ARE HENCEFORTH  
STATE PROPERTY. (IT UNCERTAIN WHETHER THIS APPLIES TO  
UNILEVER AND ENTERPRISE MOBUTU SPECIFICALLY PRAISED.

D. ALL COPPER MUST BE REFINED IN ZAIRE BY 1980.  
SYSTEM TO BE DEVELOPED TO CONTROL DESTINATION OF COPPER.  
BELGIAN DIRECTOR OF GECAMINES REPLACED BY ZAIRIAN  
CITIZEN. HENCEFORTH, ALL AFFILIATES OF UNIONMINIERE  
BECOME 100 PERCENT ZAIRIAN AS IS GECAMINES AT PRESENT. COM-  
PANIES NAMED INCLUDE MIBA (DIAMONDS), FORESCOM (RUBBER -  
REAL ESTATE), BECEKA (MANGANESE).

E. TIMBER EXPLOITATION TO BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.  
EXPORT OF LOGS IS FORBIDDEN EXCEPT UNDER SPECIAL PER-  
MISSION GIVEN ONLY TO ZAIRIANS.

F. RAPID, PROGRESSIVE ZAIRIANIZATION OF INTERNAL  
AND FOREIGN TRADE TO TAKE PLACE. COMPANIE MARITIME DU  
Zaire, 50 PERCENT ZAIRIAN OWNED, REPLACED BY NEW 100 PERCENT  
ZAIRIAN OWNED COMPANIE MARITIME ZAIROISE. AGENCIE MARITIME  
ENTIRELY CONTROLLED BY NEW CMZ WILL BE SET UP. NEW CMZ  
WILL HAVE MONOPOLY ON EXPORTS BY SEA FROM ZAIRE BUT CAN  
CEDE SURPLUS BUSINESS TO FOREIGN SHIPPERS ON OWN CON-  
DITIONS. CMZ TO HANDLE ALL IMPORTS FOR GOZ AND OFFICERS  
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THEREOF NOT COMING UNDER TIED AID UMBRELLA.

G. WHOLLY ZAIRIAN OWNED INSURANCE COMPANY SONAS  
HENCEFORTH TO INSURE ALL EXPORTS. FIRE INSURANCE,  
REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE CONNECTED WITH CONSTRUCTION  
STATE OWNED BUILDINGS TO BELONG TO SONAS. SONAS ALSO  
TO SET UP CAR INSPECTION SERVICE AND ALL CARS TO BE  
INSPECTED.

H. OFFICE NATIONAL DU LOGEMENT TO BE REPLACED BY  
NEW ENTERPRISE NATIONALE DE CONSTRUCTION (ENC). ALL  
STATE SPONSORED CONSTRUCTION TO BE HANDLED BY THIS NEW  
ORGANIZATION.

I. ECONOMIC SABOTAGE. ZAIRIAN PRODUCTS BEING SUMUGGLED OUT OF  
COUNTRY BY FOREIGNERS. DECISION TAKEN TO FORBID  
PAKISTANIS FROM RESIDING IN KIVU, HAUT ZAIRE, AND SHABA.  
PROTUGUESE FORBIDDEN TO RESIDE IN REGIONS OF BAS ZAIRE,  
BANDUNDU, KASAI OCCIDENTALE AND SHABA. UNDER CONTROL  
AND ARBITRATION THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY CEDE THEIR  
PROPERTY IN THOSE REGIONS TO ZAIRIANS.

2. THRUST OF SPEECH WAS THAT ZAIRE FINALLY CLEARING  
AWAY UNDERBRUSH OF VESTIGES OF COLONIALISM. WHILE  
DECISIONS ANNOUNCED UNLIKELY TO GO DOWN WELL IN BELGIUM,  
MOBUTU WOUND UP BY DESCRIBING CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS  
WITH BELGIUM AS "EXCELLENT". HE PRAISED THOSE BELGIANS  
WHO HAS ADJUSTED TO BUSINESS CONDITIONS IN MODERN ZAIRE,  
AND HE INVITED BELGIANS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPOR-  
TUNITIES CREATED BY NEW ECONOMIC STEPS.

3. IN TERMS OF OTHER FOREIGN INVESTORS, PRESIDENT SAID  
THAT "AS LONG AS I AM BOSS IN ZAIRE, ALL WHO HAVE INVESTED  
SINCE 1969 WILL BE SATISFIED AND PROUD OF HAVING HAD  
CONFIDENCE IN ME BECUUSE OF MY RESPECT FOR MY WORD. HE  
CLOSED SPEECH BY NOTING THAT NEW U.S. AND JAPANESE  
INVESTORS ADMIRABLE BECAUSE THEY ARE DYNAMIC, STRAIGHT-  
FORWARD IN BUSINESS AND WORK FAST.

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